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In re Application of  
William T. Hamrick  
Application No. 09/768,964  
Filed: January 24, 2001  
For: PORTABLE COVERED WALKWAY

: DECISION ON PETITION  
: TO WITHDRAW THE  
: HOLDING OF  
: ABANDONMENT

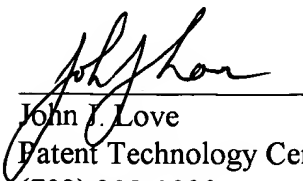
This is in reply to applicant's PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on June 26, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that the Office action mailed October 29, 2002 included an objection to the drawings. Applicant's amendment received March 4, 2003 did not include any response to the drawing objection. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 18, 2003 indicating that although a response was received it was not considered a proper reply.

A proper response by the examiner should have been a notice of non-responsive amendment which would have given applicant one month to respond to the drawing objection. The Notice of Abandonment was sent out prematurely.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the amendment filed March 4, 2003 and supplemental amendment received March 31, 2003. Response to the drawing objection is found in the petition wherein applicant argues that the drawings are, in fact, proper as filed. The examiner is also to consider this.



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